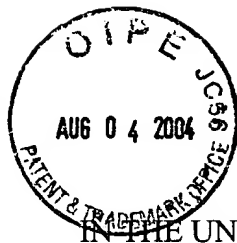


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2004. It is submitted in accordance with the Revised Amendment Format according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, effective July 30, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application to place the case in better condition for allowance.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-46 are pending in the present application. Claims 2 and 33-46 have been canceled without prejudice, claims 1, 3-6, 8-12, 25 and 26 have been amended, and claim 47 has been added, leaving claims 1, 3-32, and 47 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment. The claims have been amended as explained in the Remarks section. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

[There are no amendments to the specification.]